GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2399
ANSWERED ON:06.03.2003
ACHIEVEMENTS MADE BY RAILWAY DURING NINTH FIVE YEAR PLAN
SHEESH RAM SINGH RAVI

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a thrust was laid in the Ninth Five Year Plan to lay new lines, renew and double railway rack, augment traffic facilities, signal and telecommunication apart from replacing and acquiring rolling stock and to improve passenger amenities;

(b) if so, the details of the achievements made in this regard so far;

(c) whether unmanned level crossings were to be manned and over bridges/under bridges were to be constructed during the said period; and

(d) if so, the number of unmanned crossings converted into manned and the number of over/under bridges have been constructed during that period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2399 ASKED E SHRI SHEESH RAM SINGH RAVI TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.03.2003 REGARDING ACHIEVEMENTS MADE BY RAILW DURING NINTH FIVE YEAR PLAN

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The achievements during the IXth Five Year Plan for the different categories of works are given in the table below:-

ITEMS	Achievements/Acquisitions during IX-plan
New Lines	663 Kms.
Doubling	990 Kms.
Traffic Facilities	Works of value Rs. 767 crores have been undertaken
Signaling & Telecommunication	Works of value Rs. 1665 crores have been undertaken
Passenger Amenities	Works of value Rs. 600 crores have been undertaken
Electric Locos	697 nos.
Diesel Locos	630 nos.+30(GM)
Coaches	11619 nos.
Wagons	99962.5 Four Wheeler Units

(c) & (d) : As per extant rules, in case an unmanned level crossing provided initially and maintained at the cost of the Railways needs manning/upgrading/posting of additional gate keeper due to increase in road traffic only, the cost both initial as well as recurring and maintenance has to be borne by the State Government/Road Authority concerned. However, keeping in view the grave consequences of accidents at unmanned level crossings, Railways have decided to man 4449 vulnerable level crossings based on the traffic volume and visibility conditions at the unmanned level crossings. Similarly, Road over bridges/Road under bridges can be constructed on cost sharing basis on the level crossings where the train vehicle units is more than 1 lakh. During the period (1997-98 to 2001-02), 410 Unmanned level Crossings have been manned and 88 Road over bridges/Under bridges have been constructed.